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Gentlepeople in SC Government:

Today's Charlotte Observer included an article, COOPER SLAMS NEW DUKE RATE INCREASE, in the business section.

"Before the hearing, Duke and the commission's Public Staff agreed on terms that included a 10.2 per-cent rate of return on equity in utility finances. Duke had initially sought an 11.25 per-cent return. The difference meant Duke gave up \$112 million in revenue, showing the importance of return on equity in utility finances. But Cooper has also appealed the 10.2 per-cent returns the commission recently granted...."

"Cooper cited a Moody's study that ranked NC sixth highest for the 4.4 per-cent of disposable household income that its residents spend, on average, to pay their power bills."

UTILITIES, INC/TEGA CAY WATER SERVICE customers are paying the highest water rates in the state and close to the highest in the nation!

The ROR for Utilities Inc./Tega Cay Water Service was 18.5 per-cent and recently reduced to 17 per cent.

WHY CAN'T THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIGHT FOR ITS CITIZENS!

We understand the laws of the states are "different"! How do we get you to pay attention! The PSC website lists four different water issues involving Utilities, Inc. This company has provided inadequate service, broken federal Clean Water Act laws, and we get absolutely NO relief other than a statement that we can protest at the next rate increase hearing!

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